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Below are the latest news clips. Here are a few points to correct the information you'll read:

1. There is no imminent threat that the subsurface smoldering event in the Bridgeton Landfill will reach the radiological material at the adjacent West Lake landfill.
2. The emergency manager's plan was actually produced last year and has previously been briefed to the public. As the county executive has said in news stories, this is not an indication of any imminent threat.
3. ORD provides quarterly reports to R7 regarding the state of the subsurface smoldering event. They do not indicate that the SSE is rapidly moving toward the RIM.
4. ORD previously reviewed an analysis of what could happen if the SSE reached the RIM. They indicated there is no indication that the RIM would become explosive. They did indicate it would likely increase Radon gas.
5. EPA Region 7 has completed an initial evaluation of a collection of documents from the Missouri Attorney General's Office which were prepared in support of the State's lawsuit against Republic Services. The documents total more than 1,700 pages that provide analyses of conditions on and around the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site.

Region 7 has shared these documents and held follow up consultations with EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), as well as with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Our experts have reviewed the testing methodologies and results described in the documents, along with the previously collected environmental air, water and soils sampling data we have available to us. Based upon that body of information, we do not believe that there is scientifically valid evidence that people living near and working outside the boundaries of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site are currently being exposed to contaminants released from the Site that are above levels of concern.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Editorial: Help residents near West Lake and Bridgeton landfills breathe easy - 10/10/15 - There aren't many ready solutions, which is the problem with potential environmental hazards. Buyouts for area residents might be one possibility, although that doesn't solve the problem for the region. The people who live near the Bridgeton and West Lake landfills need to breathe easy for a

change. http://www.stltoday.com/news/editorial-help-residents-near-west-lake-and-bridgeton-landfills-breathe/article_44e99f34-a0f3-5fd5-a861-276c7e28ffa9.html

NBC Sports - Rams facility sits very close to potential environmental disaster - 10/10/15 - The bad news is that there's an underground landfill fire in St. Louis, and it's currently 1,200 feet from a radioactive waste dump. The worse news is that Rams Park sits close to the potential intersection of burning trash and radiation. <http://profootballtalk.nbcsports.com/2015/10/10/rams-facility-sits-very-close-to-potential-environmental-disaster/>

Chicago Tribune - Underground fire outside St. Louis has burned since 2010, nears nuclear waste dump - 10/11/15 - Government officials have quietly adopted an emergency plan in case the smoldering embers ever reach the waste, a potentially "catastrophic event" that could send up a plume of radioactive smoke over a densely populated area near the city's main airport. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/midwest/ct-st-louis-underground-fire-20151010-story.html>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (editorial) - Koster, thinking backward, decides to fight the EPA - 10/12/15 - A generation ago, under a Republican president, Richard Nixon, wiser politicians realized that clean air and water are national assets and had to be protected by a national authority. Mr. Koster is smart enough to know that. That he doesn't care is the real problem. http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/columns/the-platform/editorial-koster-thinking-backward-decides-to-fight-the-epa/article_2cc6181b-e195-57e4-a622-7d6776522ebb.html

KOLR/KOZL Channels 10/27, Springfield, Mo. - Electric Coops Pleased Missouri Joining Challenge of EPA Regs - 10/13/15 - Missouri will join more than 20 other states in suing the Environmental Protection Agency over its new carbon emission regulations, as soon as those regulations are out. Some conservatives are questioning whether Koster, a Democrat running for governor, has politics in mind in joining the suit. Johnson says he's giving Koster the benefit of the doubt. <http://www.ozarksfirst.com/news/electric-coops-please-missouri-joining-challenge-of-epa-regs>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - School districts prepare for West Lake Landfill emergency - 10/12/15 - Four school districts near the radioactive West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton sent letters to parents Monday explaining their plans for a potential emergency at the site. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/school-districts-prepare-for-west-lake-landfill-emergency/article_a6effa70-f92b-584c-8a7c-cb59d85a6b38.html

KMOX Radio St. Louis - School Districts Send West Lake Landfill Letters Home - 10/13/15 - Several area school districts are sending letters home to parents, trying to soothe concerns about the underground fire at a north St. Louis County landfill and buried nuclear waste next-door. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2015/10/13/school-districts-send-west-lake-landfill-letters-home/>

KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis - Disaster plan developed for schools near West Lake Landfill - 10/13/15 - Four school districts near the West Lake Landfill are preparing for the worst. Landfill owners insist there is no danger. <http://fox2now.com/2015/10/13/disaster-plan-developed-for-schools-near-west-lake-landfill/>

Free Beacon - Dem AG Joins Federal Lawsuit Against EPA Regulations - 10/12/15 - Missouri will join a handful of other states that have sued to block the regulation, he announced. The state's utilities, including Ameren Missouri, had urged Koster to join the states — most of them Republican-led — fighting the rules. <http://freebeacon.com/uncategorized/dem-ag-joins-federal-lawsuit-against-epa-regulations/>

Lebanon (Mo.) Daily Record - Koster: Mo. will join fight against EPA rules - 10/12/15 - In a speech at the Missouri Electric Coop's annual meeting in Branson, Koster explained that he supports Missouri's ongoing efforts to produce energy more cleanly and efficiently, but that EPA's plan sets a compliance schedule that is economically risky and robs Missouri of its competitive advantage in low consumer and industrial electrical rates. http://www.lebanondailyrecord.com/news/local/article_51e73178-7129-11e5-aa22-4b5f5b017775.html

PowerLine (blog) - Cleaning Up the Clean Power Plan - 10/11/15 – A federal appeals court has blocked for the time being the EPA's brazen extension of the Clean Water Act. What about its equally brazen extension of the Clean Air Act into a lever for the de facto nationalization of the nation's electric utility industry? <http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2015/10/cleaning-up-the-clean-power-plan.php>

Wall Street Journal (opinion) - The EPA's Water Rule Is Plugged | A federal court enjoins the agency's 'whirlwind of confusion.' - 10/11/15 - The truth is that the water rule like so many Obama Administration diktats offers marginal benefits at a high cost and is intended to subvert state sovereignty and expand federal dominion over private businesses. <http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-epas-water-rule-is-plugged-1444601505>

Christian Science Monitor - Appeals court puts the brakes on EPA's clean water rule - 10/9/15 - The EPA has said it respects the court's decision and supports more consideration on the rules. Environmental advocates who fought for the new rule argue that the ruling postpones vital protections of waterways that have been long neglected. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2015/1009/Appeals-court-puts-the-brakes-on-EPA-s-clean-water-rule>